

United States v. Cay-Chel, Inc. (S.D. Ala.), No. CR: 99-00030-001

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On June 23, 1999, Cay-Chel, Inc., an excavation and construction company, pled guilty to two felony Clean Water Act violations. The agreement was accepted by the court on September 28, 1999. The company has agreed to pay a \$50,000 fine and publish an apology in the local newspaper to notify the public and others in the construction business of the laws that it violated.

Cay-Chel failed to apply erosion control measures required by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management permit issued for the company's pre-construction excavation at Winn-Dixie and WalMart construction sites. The silt-laden runoff entered tributaries of Mobile Bay, which emptied into the Gulf of Mexico.

The case was investigated by the South Alabama Environmental Task Force, which includes the FBI and the Alabama Attorney General's Office.